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| Serial No.: | 09/817,641   | § Examiner:       | Ming Chow                    |
| Filed:      | March 26, 2001   | § Atty. Dkt. No.: | NRT.0096US<br>(13381RRUS01U) |
| For:        | Method and Apparatus for<br>Performing Trunk Operation | §                 |                              |

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In response to the Office Action of November 3, 2004, the following remarks are provided:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Applicant(s): DEJIAN ZHOU  
Serial No.: 09/817,641  
Filing Date: March 26, 2001  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING TRUNK OPERATION

1. Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate);
2. Reply to Office Action Mailed November 3, 2004; and
3. Five (5) Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-5).

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Applicant(s): Dejian Zhou

Docket No.

NRT.0096US (13381RRUS01U)

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| Application No.<br>09/817,641 | Filing Date<br>03-26-2001 | Examiner<br>Ming Chow | Customer No.<br>21906 | Group Art Unit<br>2645 | Confirmation No.<br>8711 |
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Invention: Method and Apparatus for Performing Trunk Operation

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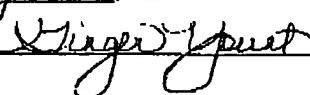


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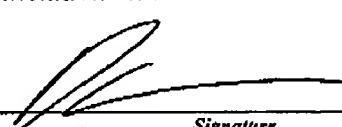
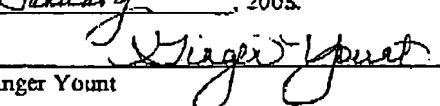
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